

REMARKS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated 13 April 2005, Applicant offers this amendment and remarks. Reexamination and reevaluation of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

5 At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 17, 18, and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Retz (U. S. 4,501,327). At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1 through 16, 24 through 27, 29 through 33, 41 through 52, 55, and 56 were allowed. The Examiner also noted that claims 19 through 33 and 36 through 40 were objected to as being dependent upon the base claim, but would be
10 allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 17 and has canceled claim 18 without prejudice nor disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein. The undersigned further notes that claim 34 has been amended and claim 36 has also been canceled without prejudice nor disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein. Please note that claim 54 has also
15 been amended as well as claim 22. Therefore, Applicant has canceled without prejudice nor disclaimer the following claims: 18, 19, 28, 35, 36, and 53. Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining claims 1 through 17, 20 through 27, 29 through 34, 37 through 52, 54, 55, and 56 are now in a position for allowance.

If it would aid in disposition of this matter, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the
20 undersigned. Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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